

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS KNABE AND YAROSLAVSKY

Last Fiscal Year 2006/07, this Board approved the one time use of Net County Cost (NCC), in the amount of \$6.5 million, to fund the Youth Jobs Program which funded community based organizations to provide employment opportunities for youth during the summer months. This funding made it possible for over 3,600 youth, ages 14 through 21, to access summer employment throughout the County of Los Angeles through a network of community based organizations contracted by Community and Senior Services (CSS). Many of these youth were CalWORKs eligible youth.

Originally funded by the federal Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (SYETP) had been funded by CalWORKs Performance Incentive funds up until the funding source ended.

Summer youth employment continues to be a challenge in the County, as federal funding is no longer available for this very much needed program. There is a growing need for youth to be meaningfully engaged in positive activities during the summer months, and employment is vital to that experience. The elements of this motion complement Supervisor Yvonne Burke's motion of March 13, 2007, which directed the Chief Administrative Officer and the Department of Human Resources to develop a county department-wide plan for summer youth employment, including a community based approach. As part of the community based approach, the CAO has identified

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\$6.5 million to fund a Youth Jobs program.

**WE THEREFORE MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors approve the allocation of funds in the amount of \$6,500,000 to previously funded and contracted Youth Jobs service providers.

**WE FURTHER MOVE** that the Director of Community and Senior Services, or designee, be given delegated authority to enter into contracts with appropriate Youth Job providers including the seven Workforce Investment Boards, to sustain the Youth Jobs program during the summer of 2007, after CAO and County Counsel approval of the contract format.

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